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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 2 1973

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT FOR THE
PERIOD NOVEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 2 1973, AS REVISED BY
THE AD HOC GROUP ON DECEMBER 5, 1973. BEGIN TEXT.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF C-M(73)83
(FINAL), THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION
WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP
AS THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN - NORWAY - ON THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2ND DECEMBER,
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2. THIS WEEK, BOTH SIDES AGREED, FOR PRACTICAL REASONS, TO HOLD ONLY ONE PLENARY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER. THE WESTERN SPOKESMAN ON THIS OCCASION WAS AMBASSADOR QUARLES. HE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE REASONING WHICH UNDERLIES ALLIED PROPOSALS, DEMONSTRATING HOW THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED BY BOTH SIDES, HOW THEY ENSURE NEGOTIATING EFFICIENCY, CONFORM TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITY AND WILL ACHIEVE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECURITY OF ALL, WHICH IS THE GOAL AGREED BY THE NEGOTIATING PARTIES.

3. THE SOVIET CHIEF NEGOTIATOR KHLESTOV PRESENTED AT THE SAME MEETING THE FIRST FORMAL EASTERN REACTION TO THE ALLIED OUTLINE PROPOSALS, INSISTING AGAIN, INTER ALIA, ON THE INCLUSION OF AIR FORCES AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND URGING THE REDUCTION OF BOTH NATIONAL AND FOREIGN FORCES.

4. THE GROUP DISCUSSED AND AGREED THE TEXT OF A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS SINCE ITS RECONVENING IN VIENNA ON 16TH OCTOBER, AND ON THE GENERAL LINES OF THE ORAL REPORT TO BE MADE TO THE NAC ON DEC 3. HUMES

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